(B)

Movement of prices (in Rs. per Kg) of cotton yarn during last three years

Period (Quarter ending September)	Hank (Weighted average)	Cone (Weighted average)
2003	107.73	106.18
2004	113.46	122.54
2005	89.13	105.89

The above data of production and price of Cotton yarn show minor fluctuations, but now there is an incresing trend in production and declining trend in Prices. This shows ample availability of cotton yarn to handloom and powerloom sectors at reasonable prices

(C)

Import of cotton yarn during the last three years

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Import of Cotton yarn (million kilogram)	2.86	2.40	2.95

Collection of Textile Committee Cess

1644. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is yet to collect large amount of Textile Committee Cess;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of cess collected by Government so far;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to withdraw the Textile Committee Cess; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 31.97 lakh is outstanding as regular cess dues remaining to be collected by the Textile Committee as on 1.12.2005.

(c) An amount of Rs. 49771.65 lakh has been collected by the Government since the inception of cess on textile products in 1975-76.

(d) and (e) A proposal to withdraw the Textile Committee cess is under consideration of the Government, with a view to rationalise the tax and cess burden on the Indian textile industry to improve its competitiveness in the global markets in the changed scenario.

Import of wool

†1645. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of demand and supply of wool in the country;

(b) whether wool is also imported from foreign countries; and

(c) if so, the value and quantity of wool imported during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA):

(a) The demand for wool is more than what is produced in the country and therefore, imports are resorted to.

(b) and (c) Yes, the quantity and value of wool imported during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Quantity (in million kg.)	Value (Rs. In crore)
2002-03	73.92	801.83
2003-04	84.61	870.61
2004-05	82.47	825.95

(Source: DGCIS, Kolkata)

Role of NIFT in increasing exports

1646. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NIFT has been of help in increasing exports of textiles and garments from India;

(b) the details of the contribution of NIFT to the sector; and

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